



ADVISORY

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Dear Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Providers:

As announced by [the Governor on June 15 2021](#), all emergency mandates and restrictions ended **effective 7/1/21**, with a 45-day administrative grace period through August 15th. In accordance with this change, the Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Program will rescind the following advisories:

1. [Advisory 206 – Waiving Early Refill Edits](#)
2. [Advisory 210 – Temporary Non-Enforcement of Medical Assistance Pharmacy Preauthorization Requirements](#)

Starting August 15th, the Department will enforce preauthorization requirement **for early refill and pursuant to COMAR 10.09.03.06 (A)(1),(5), and (9)**:

- (1) Antibiotic liquids requiring reconstitution for amounts exceeding a 14-day supply;
- (5) Enteral nutritional products and vitamin and mineral products when given by nasogastric, jejunostomy, or gastrostomy tube in the home; and
- (9) Drugs not on the preferred drug list developed under COMAR 10.09.03.12.

Furthermore, starting on August 15th, the Department will no longer permit a 14-day emergency supply and will only allow a 72-hour emergency supply as per COMAR 10.09.03.06 (D)(3)

Please refer to Provider Advisories for more information: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/COVID-19-Provider-Updates.aspx>

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (**MDH**) **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.